



Experience It!

Biggest Registration Week of the Year!

The highly anticipated Spring & Summer registration period begins mid-March of each year. The first day of registration for the 2019 Spring & Summer classes was Thursday, March 14th.

Activities such as the day camps at Peter Kirk and North Kirkland Community Centers, the Sailing programs at Waverly Beach Park, the Aquatics programs at the Peter Kirk Pool, and the sports camps at a variety of parks throughout the Kirkland Parks system became available for customers to register at 6:00 am on the City's online registration system, CivicRec at kirklandparks.net.

The high volume of customer contacts with the department (online or with staff over the phone and at the front

counters) makes the Spring & Summer registration period the busiest of the year.

For the second year in a row, the department has realized substantial growth in registrations processed online through the CivicRec Registration system.

In 2019, online registrations increased by 938 transactions in the first week of registration. This increase represents an 18% growth over 2018. Total transactions, including phone and walk up registrations, increased by 10% over 2018.

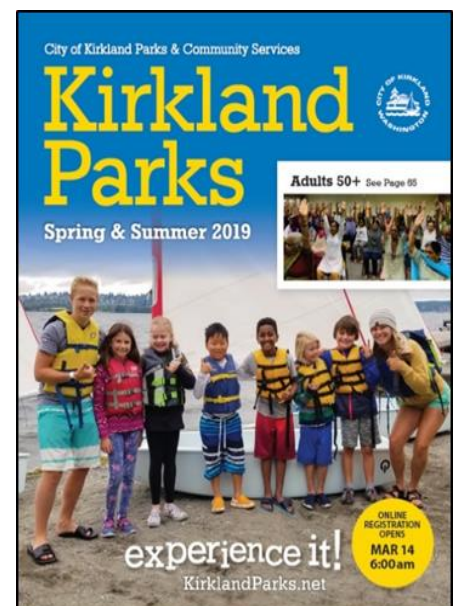
The Parks & Community Services Recreation Division had record high numbers for total revenue and revenues processed the first day of registration. Within the first 15 minutes of registration opening, we processed 439 transactions totaling \$131,000.

Kirkland Parks & Community Services



March 2019

At the end of March, there were 5,717 transactions processed through the system for Spring/Summer activities resulting in \$833,788.09. Staff continues to provide continued customer registrations for the 1,253 classes offered for Spring/Summer. There are 334 classes at capacity with an additional 2,034 people on waitlists.



Spring/Summer Brochure

Recreation Services



MERMAID BALL

The 2nd annual Mermaid Ball held on Friday, March 22nd sold out with a total of 214 guests. Children made starfish wands, decorated beach cupcakes, and danced the night away with their escorts. Before leaving each couple had a professional commemorative photo taken. Big thank you to the many honor society volunteers from Inglemoor and Lake Washington High Schools that helped staff transform the room into an underwater fairyland, staff the event, and lent a hand in the clean-up process.

STAFFING

We completed the recruitment process for the .5 Recreation Coordinator specializing in Aquatics Programs. After interviewing five qualified candidates, the panel unanimously selected Julianne Diddle who will start in mid-April. With a deep background in aquatics, pool operation and staff management, we are extremely excited and look forward to the 2019 Pool Season. Recruitment for lifeguards, swim instructors and pool staff is in full swing. Please contact Max Prophet by email at mprophe@kirklandwa.gov for more information on open positions.

VENDORS AND CONCESSIONAIRES

The Vendors in the Park RFP is wrapping up. Staff is working on the final contract negotiations with vendors for operations in 2019.

PETER KIRK COMMUNITY CENTER

The Peter Kirk Community Center hosted a St. Patrick's Day Luncheon for 61 participants on March 15th. Peter Kirk staff decorated the luncheon room, served an Irish lunch and arranged entertainment provided by A Fiddle in the Forest. The next luncheon event is Red, White and Burgers, hosted by the Peter Kirk Advisory board. We will kick off Summer with burgers and storytelling with Debbie Dimitre.

The PKCC Van Trips program is off to a great start, visits to Whidbey Island, a Jazz Tour in Downtown Seattle and the Keyport Undersea Museum kicked off the season. Upcoming trips on include a Mystery Trip on April 11th and Teatro ZinZanni on April 25th. For more information visit kirklandparks.net!

NORTH KIRKLAND COMMUNITY CENTER

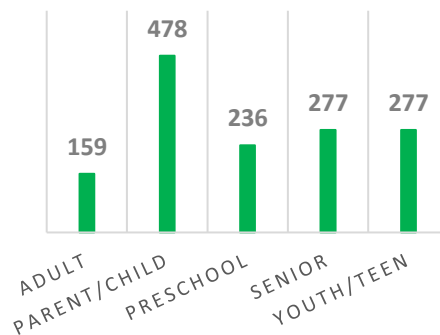
Adult Volleyball Spring Season is underway. We have 46 teams playing at Kamiakin Middle School and Emerson High School.

Pee Wee Multi-Sport has 83 three to six-year-olds playing a variety of sports from basketball, t-ball, soccer, and track and field on Saturdays at Finn Hill Middle School. That number is up from 68 participants last year.

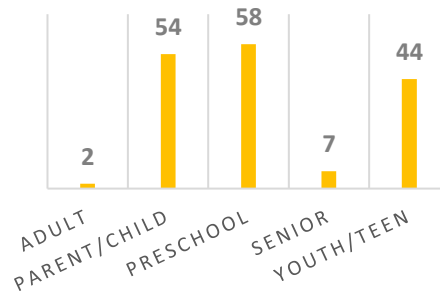
Pee Wee Soccer registration is almost full with 398 of the 400 spots filled; season begins at Emerson High School and 132nd Square Park on April 13th.



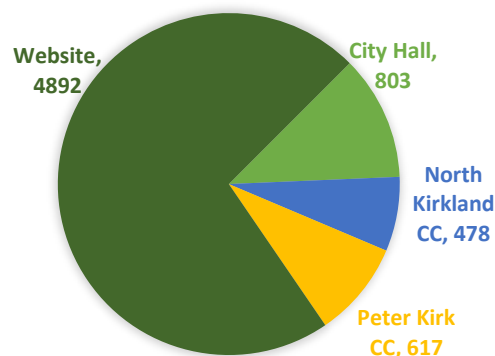
PARTICIPATION FOR PROGRAMS BEGINNING MARCH 2019



WAITLIST FOR PROGRAMS BEGINNING MARCH 2019



TRANSACTIONS PROCESSED BY LOCATION



NORTH KIRKLAND COMMUNITY CENTER CONTINUED

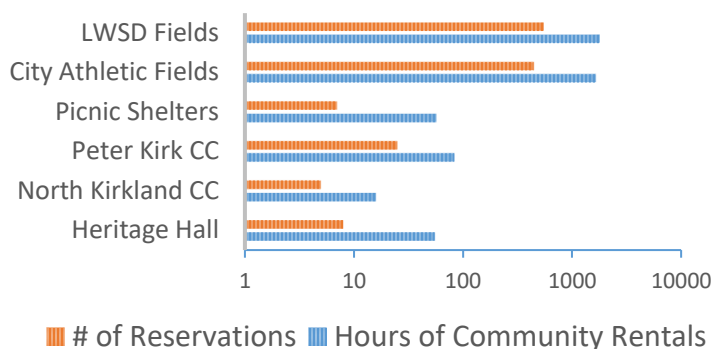
There is a new program underway at the North Kirkland Community Center called Pee Wee Sport Sampler that meets once a week. It's an introductory class that teaches the same principles as our pee wee sports leagues. All 60 spots for the spring and summer filled up on registration day.

The format for the Adult Fitness program at the North Kirkland Community Center has been adjusted to better manage classes and to track individual class performance. The new format requires pre-registration for specific classes. Making any type of change and communicating that change can be difficult, nevertheless, the staff at the center have done an outstanding job of explaining the changes and reasoning to our participants. We are confident that this will lead to a sustainable adult fitness program.

RESERVATIONS

Athletic Fields are open and leagues have started their practices and games. Kirkland American Little League's opening day was held the weekend of March 16th. Chillz, LLC. Is working as the concessionaire for Kirkland American Little League at Everest Park. Stop by for some baseball and a bite to eat!

All 102 Pea Patch plots at McAuliffe Park, Ohde Pea Patch, and Tot Lot Pea Patch have been reserved for the season. There are currently 13 interested gardeners on the waiting list. The gardens are now open for the season through the first of November.

MARCH FACILITY RENTALS

Human Services

SENIOR COUNCIL HONORS MEMBER SYD MACK

In addition to her years of service on the Kirkland Senior Council, Syd volunteered with Hopelink and other community organizations following decades of service as a beloved elementary school teacher in Kirkland. On March 16th, family, friends, and colleagues gathered to celebrate her life at Peter Kirk Park. A picnic table in her honor is located to the east of the baseball field.

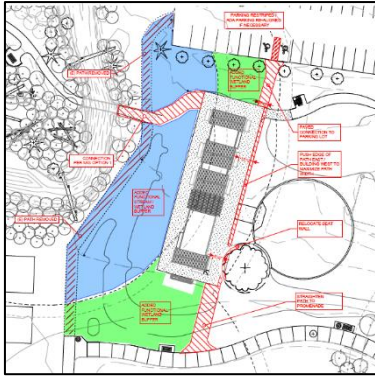
YOUTH COUNCIL

Youth Council members collected pet supplies for Homeward Pet Shelter March 16th and 17th at Denny's Pet World. Over the course of two days, the group collected \$375 in cash donations and a car full of pet supplies.

**EASTSIDE WOMEN'S AND FAMILY SHELTER GROUNDBREAKING**

Groundbreaking for the new Women's and Family Shelter is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 2019 from 4:00pm-6:00pm at the Salt House – 11920 NE 80th St. To read more about this project, visit www.nbpsshelter.org or contact Rebecca Nightingale, New Bethlehem Project, by calling 734-709-7490 or via email rebeccani@ccsww.org

Park Planning and Development



JUANITA BEACH BATHHOUSE RENOVATION

Phase: Construction Documents Under Review

Background of Project: This is phase II of the Juanita Beach Park development project. This phase includes replacing the bathhouse, adding two new picnic shelters and installing an all-inclusive new playground. Numerous environmental improvements will occur throughout the site.

Updates: Project will be before the Hearing Examiner on April 18th for consideration of three variances.

TOTEM LAKE PARK

Phase: Construction Documents Under Review

Background of Project: With the acquisition of a parcel adjoining Totem Lake Park, the City will create a new neighborhood park. The park will include pathways, an inclusive playground, restrooms, scenic view locations, environmental restoration and a boardwalk connecting the park through the eastern side of the lake property to the Cross Kirkland Corridor.

Updates: Bidding is anticipated in April 2019.



DAVID BRINK PARK SHORELINE RENOVATION

Phase: In Design

Background of Project: This is part of a shoreline infrastructure project that will be conducting major maintenance of docks, piers and shorelines.

Updates: Preliminary design has begun.



132ND SQUARE PARK MASTER PLAN

Phase: Community Engagement and Master Plan Process

Background of Project: The City is proposing replacing a non-regulation grass sports field with a synthetic turf field after the installation of a surface water detention structure underneath the field. A park master plan process will begin with community engagement on park development.

Updates: A community meeting was held on March 26 where residents were able to provide their thoughts and feedback.

PARK PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT CONTINUED



CITY / SCHOOL PLAYFIELD PARTNERSHIP

Phase: Construction – beginning July 2019

Background of Project: This long-standing partnership will continue with the improvement of Finn Hill Middle School and Peter Kirk Elementary School fields.

Updates: Construction at Finn Hill Middle School to begin July 2019



JUANITA HEIGHTS TRAIL PROJECT

Phase: Feasibility Studies

Background of Project: The expanding Juanita Heights Park is envisioned to allow trail connections to the surrounding neighborhoods all the way down to Juanita Bay Park.

Updates: Under review



PLAY AREAS AND ACCESSIBILITY ENHANCEMENTS

Phase: Ongoing updates

Background of Project: This ongoing capital project strives to replace aging playgrounds, improve sports courts in the parks and make incremental progress towards providing accessible enhancements throughout the park system.

Updates: Terrace, Highlands and Tot Lot Playgrounds have been replaced.



WAVERLY PARK PHASE 2

Phase: Pending

Background of Project: The Waverly Park development will continue with additional phases. Phase II will include various improvements to the pier, walkways and accessibility of the site.

Updates: No updates

Parks Maintenance and Operations

SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

The transition from snow to growing grass and budding trees didn't take long with temperatures in the 70-degree range this month. Mowing, fertilization, and the preparation of irrigation systems are a few of the tasks staff focused on this month. Staff are investing a significant amount of time mulching landscape beds and preparing for summer. In the budget process, we received funding to help reduce herbicide use in the Parks. This provides the resources to help staff with materials and supplies.



TASKS

Several parks received new trees and plantings the past few months. Juanita Beach, Edith Moulton, David Brink, Houghton Beach, and OO Denny were the primary recipients. Juanita Beach's "hobbit house" has been getting some great feedback. It is located on the north side of the Park near the tennis courts and it's worth a visit.



Hobbit House at Juanita Beach Park

Baseball games and practices are in full swing! Staff are dragging, leveling, and prepping fields for customers every day.

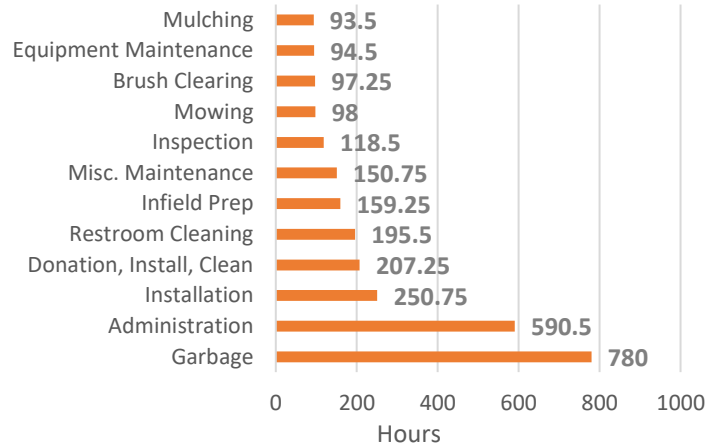
Staff is still addressing tree issues from the heavy snowfall in February. Requests from neighbors next to parks continue to come in and are addressed as needed.

STAFFING

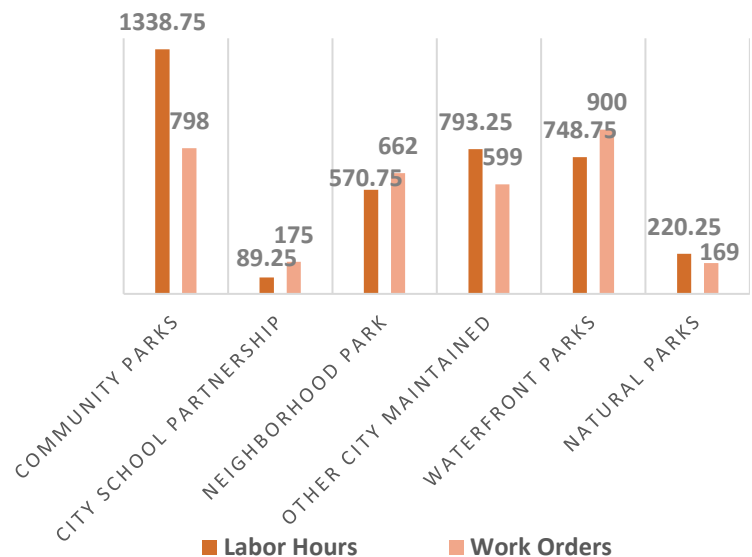
Please welcome a few new staff to the Parks Maintenance team. Sara Shellenbarger is our new Accounts Associate for Parks Maintenance and Operations. Zoe Worley & Christian Vasquez accepted our new ¾ time groundskeeper positions. We are excited to have them on board.

Special thanks to Roger Flaten for 15 years of service to the Kirkland community. Roger served on our Ballfield & Events team and will retire in April. Roger is a dedicated team player always willing to do whatever is needed for the team. Parks Operations will miss him tremendously.

MARCH TOP 12 TASKS



WORK BY PARK TYPE



PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS NEAR PARKS

- Along Lake Washington Blvd, at cross-walks in front of Doris Cooper Houghton Beach, Marsh, and David Brink Park, upgraded lighting will make the walking experience safer
- Forbes Lake on 124th Ave NE and Heritage Park at Waverly Way sidewalk improvements
- Windsor Vista Park at 111th Ave culvert replacement

CLOSURE FOR CONSTRUCTION

Construction on stormwater improvements will close the Cross Kirkland Corridor near the NE corner of Crestwoods Park during June 17 – August 17. A detour will be provided.

Green Kirkland Partnership

VOLUNTEER EVENTS

Saturday March 16th was a great day for our natural areas. Stewards and staff teamed up to host five separate events across the city for nearly 150 youth and families from the Seventh-Day Adventist Church as part of Global Youth Day. Students from the University of Washington Restoration Ecology Network (pictures, top right) planned and hosted the event at North Rose Hill Woodlands as part of their senior capstone project.

The volunteers enjoyed sunny weather, snacks from PCC, and friendly native wildlife including a long-toed salamander encountered at North Rose Hill Woodlands Park.



A volunteer at North Rose Hill Woodlands found a long-toed salamander!

Washington Conservation Corps crews have also been busy at several of our parks including Juanita Heights, Crestwoods, and O.O. Denny. These crews are essential to our ability to work in difficult locations not suitable for volunteers such as steep slopes, wetlands, and streams.

GREEN CITIES NETWORK SUMMIT

GKP participated in the annual Green Cities Network Summit where we received recognition for having the highest per capita volunteer rate of any Green City in 2018. We owe it all to our dedicated community members that love our parks and natural areas and donate countless hours to their care.

We also discussed how we can make our natural areas safer via [Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design](#) (CPTED) and more resilient to climate change. We are seeing iconic native species including Sword Fern, Western Red Cedar, Douglas Fir, and Hemlock struggle in prolonged drought conditions. As a result, we continue to diversify our native planting and seek more resilient stock.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Earth Day habitat restoration event at Edith Moulton Park is April 20th from 10 AM to 2 PM. Please register [online through this link](#).



Progress toward goal of 12 new acres enrolled in 2019*



.45 acres enrolled based on data received from Stewards & crews by 3.29.19

Progress toward goal of 5,000 native plants installed in 2019*



*1,541 native plants installed based on data received from Stewards & crews by 3.29.19

Progress toward goal of 10,973 volunteer hours*



*1,620 volunteer hours based on data received from Stewards & crews by 2.28.19

Special Events

SPECIAL EVENTS SERVICE TEAM

The Special Event Team welcomed back Public Works representative Christian Knight. Special thanks to the outgoing representative, Kari Page, for her support and service! The Special Event Team authorized permits for four returning events and the new 1,000 Lights Water Lantern Festival to be held at Juanita Beach Park on August 10th.

KIRKLAND SHAMROCK RUN

Close to 1,500 people celebrated St. Patrick's Day at the 8th annual Kirkland Shamrock Run on March 16th. Was it the new 10k course that attracted nearly 100 registered K9s? It's hard to say, but everyone had a great time - including the twenty off-duty officers and more than forty course monitors that were needed to secure the course through downtown Kirkland.



NOWRUZ CELEBRATION

The Iranian Society of Washington State celebrated Persian New Year at the annual Nowruz Celebration on March 17th. The springtime holiday was celebrated with hot traditional foods, festive music and dancing. Event organizer, Zohreh Fard, is pictured in front of the Haft-Seen which is a traditional display of seven symbolic items that all start with the letter Seen in the Persian alphabet. We wish our friends Happy Nowruz!



JUANITA FRIDAY MARKET

We're excited to welcome Tina back (summer is officially here!) and to report planning for the 2019 Juanita Friday Market is underway. Applications for new vendors, community booths, special events, and entertainers will be available April 1 at www.kirklandwa.gov/juanitafridaymarket. We invite you to join us!

Juanita Friday Market



Administration

COMMUNICATIONS

Ongoing work to improve communications is progressing. Monthly reports are now available on the City of Kirkland [parks website](http://www.kirklandwa.gov/parks).

COST RECOVERY PROJECT

The 2018 cost recovery study produced recommendations on financial policies and procedures. Ongoing work is progressing, and the next steps are being planned as we look to finalize and set cost recovery targets for our programs and services.

SOFTWARE IMPLEMENTATION

The City's efforts towards implementing new human resources software continued. Final stages of preparation for "go live" were completed and staff began using the new ExecuTime module for timekeeping. Additional functionalities will be coming online over the next few months which will increase efficiency for all staff.

WANT TO JOIN OUR TEAM? Check out kirklandwa.gov/parksjobs for information.